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Subject: Donlin Scoping Meetings
Attachments: Donlin McGrath Travel Itinerary - Corps Team.docx

Hi Hanh,

How are you doing?

We are about midway through the public scoping meetings for the Donlin Gold Project. The first week, I travelled to Bethel, Aniak, and Crooked Creek (mid-Kuskokwim River area). In the second round of meetings, Tami was able to attend the meetings in Nunapitchuk and Akiak (Lower Kuskokwim River area). Unfortunately, due to bad weather, the meetings in Quinahagak and Kipnuk were rescheduled.

The meetings have been extremely useful as each community have different issues/concerns regarding the Donlin Gold project. When EPA is present at the scoping meetings, our visibility lets them know that their concerns/issues are important to us. The USFWS has not been present at these meetings, and their absence is definitely noticed by the communities. Aside from the State, EPA has been the only cooperating agency participating in these meetings.

The Corps is planning the next scoping meeting in McGrath (upper Kuskokwim River area) on February 15-16. This would be a great opportunity for Cindi to participate in the meeting since there may be questions regarding the Nixon Fork Mine, upstream from McGrath. Please see itinerary attached. There is no other Federal Cooperating Agency planning to participate in the McGrath scoping meeting. This would be a good opportunity for EPA to maintain our presence at the scoping meeting and to listen to their concerns/issues face to face.

The travel cost estimate is about \$800.00. Do we have any ARE travel money available for Cindi to attend this meeting?

(See attached file: Donlin McGrath Travel Itinerary - Corps Team.docx)

Thanks

Mark

Donlin Gold Project – Scoping in McGrath February 15-16, 2013

(v1 as of February 5, 2013)

For the Corps Team (URS has handled bookings for URS and Court Recorder, as well as ground transportation for the group. Please book your airlines tickets and room reservations in McGrath directly. We have asked the hotel to hold a block of 9 rooms.)

Don Kuhle, USACE (b) (6)	Kim Varner Wetzel (b) (6) (cell)	Moxie Alexie, URS (b) (6) (cell)	Mary Vavrik, Court Rprtr (b) (6) (cell)
Jeff Bruno, ADNR (b) (6) cell	Sarah Yoder, ADHSS (b) (6) cell		
Still waiting on word from Amanda Shearer, BLM, and EPA regarding attendance.			
<u>Lodging & Meals</u> Hotel McGrath B&B (907) 524-3951 (9 rooms held) Lunches & Dinner at restaurants in town		<u>Air Transportation</u> PenAir (800) 448-4226, (907) 771-2500 PenAir McGrath (907) 524-3600	
<u>Pack</u> Personal snacks, cold weather gear, cash for McGrath dinner.		<u>Ground Transportation</u> Vehicle rental from Hotel McGrath B&B	

Friday, February 15 - McGrath

Time	Activity
12:45pm	Depart Anchorage, PenAir #235
1:45pm	Arrive McGrath; Pickup by B&B; drop-off bags at B&B
Option	[Government to Government Consultation could occur before public meeting] – Limited time
3:30 pm	Meeting room set-up
4:30 pm	Scoping Meeting @ McGrath Native Village Council Office Samantha Holmberg, Administrator (b) (6), No need for translator
7:30 pm	Meeting clean-up
8:00 pm	Dinner at restaurant in town

Saturday, February 16 - Anchorage

Time	Activity
8:00 am	Breakfast at B&B
Option	[Government to Government Consultation or other stakeholder meeting]
12:00 pm	Lunch at restaurant in town
1:15pm	Check-in at PenAir
2:15pm	Depart on PenAir #236
3:15pm	Arrive Anchorage